

**MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

June 28, 2006  
Chase Tower  
201 N. Central Avenue, 38th Floor, Executive Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Chair	Mayor Thomas Schoaf, Litchfield Park
* Mayor Douglas Coleman, Apache Junction	* Supervisor Max Wilson, Maricopa County
Mayor Marie Lopez-Rogers, Avondale	Mayor Ed Winkler, Paradise Valley
Mayor Bobby Bryant, Buckeye	Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
* Mayor Edward Morgan, Carefree	Councilmember Peggy Neely, Phoenix
Vice Mayor Dick Esser, Cave Creek	Mayor Art Sanders, Queen Creek
Mayor Boyd Dunn, Chandler	* President Joni Ramos, Salt River
* Mayor Fred Waterman, El Mirage	Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
* President Raphael Bear, Fort McDowell	Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale
Yavapai Nation	Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise
Mayor Wally Nichols, Fountain Hills	Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe
Mayor Daniel Birchfield, Gila Bend	* Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
* Governor William Rhodes, Gila River Indian	Mayor Ron Badowski, Wickenburg
Community	* Mayor Bryan Hackbarth, Youngtown
Mayor Steven Berman, Gilbert	* Joe Lane, State Transportation Board
Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale	Felipe Zubia, State Transportation Board
Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear	F. Rockne Arnett, Citizens Transportation
Mayor Bernadette Jimenez, Guadalupe	Oversight Committee

\* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting of the MAG Regional Council was called to order by Chair Keno Hawker at 5:08 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair Hawker presented Regional Council membership certificates to Mayor Bobby Bryant from Buckeye, Mayor Thomas Schoaf from Litchfield Park, Mayor Ed Winkler from Paradise Valley, and Mayor Art Sanders from Queen Creek.

Chair Hawker noted materials at each place: For agenda items #5E, #5F, #5G, #5 I, and #5J, a memorandum reporting the unanimous recommendations on these items by the Transportation Policy Committee; for agenda item #5J, a memorandum is at your place regarding an addendum to the FY 2007 Arterial Life Cycle Program. Chair Hawker noted that action taken by the Council needed to include this addendum. Chair Hawker noted that parking validation and transit tickets were available from staff. Chair Hawker stated that the Desert Peaks Awards reception and program would take place following the Regional Council meeting.

### 3. Call to the Audience

Chair Hawker noted that according to MAG's public comment process, members of the audience who wish to speak are requested to fill out public comment cards. The opportunity for public comment is provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit. Those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

Chair Hawker recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who said that she took an alternative fuel bus to the meeting. She said that she believed in multimodalism and public comment, and wanted the Regional Council to remember she was a stakeholder. Ms. Barker mentioned the Valley Metro bus that is painted red, white and blue, which reminds her of her ancestors who fought for this country. She said that she thought that this region could be the best in the world in transportation, but it will take the efforts of everyone. Ms. Barker spoke about how she educated her mother about using transit. She stated that funds come with stipulations for their use and encouraged adhering to these stipulations when moving money around. Ms. Barker referenced her public comments regarding 5309 funds at the May Regional Council meeting. She said that no one had contacted her and 5309 funds are not supposed to pay for alternatives analysis. Ms. Barker stated that she was not intending to scold anyone, she was making these comments because she cared. Chair Hawker thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

### 4. Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith stated that the results of the Mid-Decade Survey were received June 26, 2006. He noted that 3,700,516 were counted, which is an increase of 192,943 from the preliminary number in March 2006. Mr. Smith noted that this is 628,367 greater than the Census 2000 number and exceeded the DES number by 51,971. He commented that this was the first time that a survey has been used for a mid-decade census. Mr. Smith said that Census staff indicated that this effort established a precedent for federal and local government coordination. Mr. Smith stated that a great committee effort guided this process, and he expressed his appreciation to George Pettit, Manager of Gilbert, for leading the MAG Census Survey Oversight Committee. Mr. Smith expressed his thanks to all of the MAG member agencies for their hard work on the survey. He commended Rita Walton, MAG Information Services Manager, and her staff, especially Heidi Pahl, who was the coordinator of the census, and Kelly Taft, MAG Communications Manager. Mr. Smith noted that the Information Services staff was relentless in pursuing an accurate survey number. Chair Hawker thanked Mr. Smith for his report.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Hawker stated that public comment is provided for consent items. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. After hearing public comments, any member of the Council can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. He stated that agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, #5I, #5J, #5K, #5L, #5M, #5N, #5O, #5P, and #5Q were on the consent agenda.

Chair Hawker asked members if they would like to remove any item from the Consent Agenda to be considered individually. No requests to hear an item were noted. Chair Hawker noted that no public comment cards had been turned in.

Chair Hawker called for a motion to approve consent agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, #5I, #5J, #5K, #5L, #5M, #5N, #5O, #5P, and #5Q. Mayor Shafer moved, Mayor Keegan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5A. Approval of the May 24, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the May 24, 2006 meeting minutes.

5B. Consultant Selection for the MAG Regional Traffic Volume Survey

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the selection of United Civil Group Corporation to conduct the MAG Regional Traffic Volume Survey for an amount not to exceed \$109,915. The FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes funding to conduct traffic counts for arterials in the MAG urbanized area. MAG has produced traffic count maps every two to four years since 1974. The previous map was produced using 2002 counts. A Request for Proposals was advertised to perform traffic counts to assist in the creation of a 2006 map. Three proposals were received in response. A multi-jurisdictional review team evaluated the proposals and recommended to MAG that United Civil Group Corporation be selected to conduct the Regional Traffic Volume Survey for an amount not to exceed \$109,915. The MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the selection.

5C. Consultant Contract for Arizona Socioeconomic Modeling, Analysis and Reporting Toolbox (AZ-SMART)

The Regional Council, by consent, approved entering into contract negotiations with University of Washington to create AZ-SMART for an amount not to exceed \$275,000. The FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget contains a work element that includes the enhancement of existing MAG socioeconomic models. The objective of this project is to ensure premier modeling activities at MAG through the development of the Arizona Socioeconomic Modeling, Analysis and Reporting Toolbox (AZ-SMART) modeling suite. A Request for Qualifications was advertised and three statements of qualifications were received. A multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the responses and recommended to MAG that the University of Washington undertake the development of AZ-SMART

for an amount not to exceed \$275,000. To develop the toolbox, the Pima Association of Governments is contributing \$75,000 for the project. The MAG Management Committee recommended approval.

5D. Consultant Selection for the MAG Internal Truck Travel Survey and Truck Model Development Project

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the selection of Cambridge Systematics, Inc., to conduct the Internal Truck Travel Survey and Truck Model Development project for an amount not to exceed \$350,000. The FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes funding to conduct an internal truck travel survey, with associated travel demand model improvements. A Request for Proposals was advertised and three responses were received. On May 19, 2006, a multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the proposals and recommended to MAG that Cambridge Systematics, Inc. be selected to complete the Internal Truck Travel Survey and Truck Model Development project for an amount not to exceed \$350,000. The MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the selection.

5E. Changes to the Approved January 25, 2006 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the June 28, 2006 ALCP Policies and Procedures. A number of technical corrections need to be made to the approved January 25, 2006 ALCP Policies and Procedures. The proposed changes have been discussed with MAG member agencies at an ALCP Working Group meeting, which was held on April 25, 2006. The MAG Transportation Review Committee, the MAG Management Committee, and the Transportation Policy Committee recommended approval of the proposed changes.

5F. ADOT Request for a Quiet Pavement Project

The Regional Council, by consent, approved that a previously deferred Quiet Pavement project be initiated in FY 2006 in the amount of \$9.3 million. The Arizona Department of Transportation has requested that a previously deferred Quiet Pavement (rubberized asphalt) project be added to the FY 2006 program. The project would combine \$4.1 million of FY 2006 funds with \$5.2 million of funds that are programmed for the Quiet Pavement program in FY 2007. The FY 2007 funds were originally programmed for FY 2006, but were moved to the next fiscal year to balance the program cash flow. Due to the delay of two months in the advertisement of the construction bid for the Jomax Road/Dixileta interchange at I-17 due to a right of way acquisition issue, these funds are now available this fiscal year. This change would allow the design work for the rubberized asphalt paving of I-10 from 67th Avenue to Dysart Road to move forward this fiscal year so that the paving could begin during the fall of 2006. The MAG Management Committee and the Transportation Policy Committee recommended approval.

5G. Federal Fiscal Year 2006 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendments/Adjustments to the FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2006 and FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the interim closeout of Federal FY 2006, as shown in the attached Tables and approval of amending/adjusting the FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP and the FY 2006 and FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets to allow the projects to proceed.

In April 2006, the Regional Council approved the deferral of 18 projects, totaling \$11.2 million. Since that time, two additional projects have been requested to be deferred. The deficit of funding at the beginning of the year has been increased due to two rescissions of federal funds. With the deferrals included, in this phase of the closeout process, approximately \$3.3 million is available for the interim closeout, plus a possible \$1 million in redistributed Obligation Authority. Approximately \$12.4 million in project requests have been received for the funds available. To utilize the available funds, the MAG Transportation Review Committee, the MAG Management Committee, and the Transportation Policy Committee recommended nine projects, totaling \$3.2 million, plus an additional \$1.4 million in contingency projects if any further funds become available or if any projects unexpectedly drop out.

5H. Designation of Recipient for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Funds

The Regional Council, by consent, approved that the City of Phoenix be recommended by ADOT to the Governor's Office as the designated recipient for JARC and New Freedom funds for the region. On May 11, 2006, MAG received a formal request from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to recommend that the City of Phoenix be designated by the Governor as the recipient of Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funds for the region. ADOT needs to recommend a recipient to the Governor in order for these funds to be drawn down for FY 2006. This action is required by new SAFETEA-LU regulations. The City of Phoenix is the current recipient of JARC funds and has requested to continue this responsibility. MAG will receive ten percent of the JARC and New Freedom funds to conduct these planning activities as allowed by SAFETEA-LU regulations. The City of Phoenix will apply for these planning funds and will pass the money through to MAG. The MAG Transportation Review Committee and the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of this item.

5I. Update Regarding a Litter Prevention and Education Program for the Regional Freeway System in the MAG Region

On January 25, 2006, the MAG Regional Council approved the expenditure of \$200,000 in Proposition 400 funding to be spent on Litter Prevention and Education as part of an overall funding proposal for litter control and landscape maintenance. The funding will augment \$100,000 in ADOT resources for litter education, and additional funds have been set aside for outreach in the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program Annual Budget. Based on the available funding, the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) Freeway Maintenance/Noise Mitigation Subcommittee directed MAG staff to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a litter prevention and education program designed around the preselected campaign slogan, "Don't Trash Arizona." The TPC approved the Proposed Tasks for a Litter Prevention and Education Program for the Regional Freeway System in the MAG Region, and authorized MAG staff to publish a Request for Proposals on June 22, 2006. This item was on the agenda for information and discussion.

5J. FY 2007 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP)

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the FY 2007 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP), June 28, 2006. The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies a total of 94 arterial street projects, which are categorized into five-year phases within the plan. The regional share of arterial street projects is funded by the regional sales tax extension and MAG federal funds. As part of the ALCP process, Lead

Agencies are required to update ALCP Project information at least once a year. While developing the FY 2007 ALCP, participating Lead Agencies submitted project information for all ALCP Projects following the process and deadlines that were set for the FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the RTP 2006 Update. MAG staff has programmed the FY 2007 ALCP using this Project information, and the projected revenue streams of the Regional Area Road Fund (RARF), MAG Surface Transportation Program funds (STP-MAG), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. The MAG Transportation Review Committee, the MAG Management Committee, and the Transportation Policy Committee recommended approval of the Draft ALCP. Subsequent to the June 21, 2006 action of the Transportation Policy Committee to recommend approval of the ALCP, it was verified that six of the projects would not be seeking reimbursement in fiscal year 2006 (FY06); therefore, these projects need to be moved to FY07. It was verified that a Project Reimbursement Request will not be submitted in FY06 due to Project readiness for six projects and these projects need to be moved from FY06 to FY07. The six project reimbursements that are requesting deferment to FY07 are for the design phase of each project. The proposed changes do not negatively impact the ALCP financial situation.

5K. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendment includes changes to existing projects in the TIP as part of the Federal FY 2006 Interim Year End Closeout. In addition, the Arizona Department of Transportation has requested that a new Quiet Pavement (rubberized asphalt) project be added to the FY 2006 program. The amendment includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment were requested by June 23, 2006. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

5L. Social Service Block Grant Revised Allocation Recommendations

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the revised allocation recommendations for the Social Service Block Grant FY 2007. In May 2006, the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) notified MAG that the US Department of Health and Human Services is requiring revised allocation recommendations reflecting a 19.722 percent cut proposed at the federal level. The Social Service Block Grant Program (SSBG) currently provides more than \$4 million to non-profit agencies in this region. The funds support programs assisting people in four target groups: adults, families and children; elderly, persons with disabilities; and persons with developmental disabilities. While DES contracts directly with agencies to make these services available, the allocation recommendations are made by MAG. In response to the requirement for a revised plan, the MAG Human Services Technical Committee recommended how the proposed reduction in funding should be applied to the four target groups and services. The MAG Management Committee concurred with the Committee's proposed recommendations.

5M. Elderly Mobility Sign Project

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the Elderly Mobility Sign Project and to exchange MAG federal funds for City of Phoenix funds to expedite the implementation of the project. MAG currently

has a federally funded project totaling \$400,000 in the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to fund Elderly Mobility Signage. This project, recommended by the Elderly Mobility Stakeholders, the MAG Safety Committee and the Transportation Review Committee, will provide funding for local jurisdictions to implement a street sign project according to the Federal Highway Administration Guidelines and Recommendations to Accommodate Older Drivers and Pedestrians. Funding is available for the production costs of the signs, including materials, extra posts, mounting brackets, and costs for Clearview font software. Funds are not provided for any installation costs. There will be a two-year time frame for cities and towns to complete the installation of the signs and participate in an evaluation of the efforts of this project. The MAG federal funds for this project will be exchanged for City of Phoenix funds to expedite the implementation of the project. The MAG Management Committee recommended approval.

5N. 2005 Census Survey Update

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the additional 2005 Census Survey costs for a total estimated cost of \$8.1 million. On May 24, 2006, the fieldwork to verify data collected in the 2005 Census Survey was completed. Since all the data have been collected, it is now being processed, reviewed and analyzed. It is anticipated that the Census Bureau will issue a final set of numbers by June 30, 2006. In a February 2006 memorandum to the Management Committee and Regional Council, it was noted that in addition to the original census cost estimate of \$7.5 million, additional costs of \$600,000 were incurred for the local census office, media campaign and a Census Bureau cost increase. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has agreed that MAG FHWA funds may be used for 50 percent of the additional costs. It is anticipated that the total costs for the 2005 Census Survey will not exceed the total estimated cost of \$8.1 million. Final cost allocation will be based upon the 2005 Census Survey final results. The MAG Census Survey Oversight Subcommittee and the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the additional costs.

5O. Ratification of the Regional Council Executive Committee's Authorization for the Executive Director to Sign a Letter of Indemnification with Kaye/Ryan for the Regional Governmental Service Center

The Regional Council, by consent, ratified the Regional Council Executive Committee action to authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of indemnification with Kaye/Ryan for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for pre-development costs, including preliminary architectural and interior design and structural engineering services for the Regional Governmental Service Center. At the June 12, 2006 joint meeting of the Building Lease Working Group and Regional Council Executive Committee, the Executive Committee approved authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter of indemnification with Kaye/Ryan for pre-development costs, including preliminary architectural and interior design and structural engineering services for the Regional Governmental Service Center. This would allow MAG and the building partners to receive a preliminary design for the building. This information would also be used to move forward with the neighborhood association in developing and presenting a schematic design.

5P. Ratification of Regional Council Executive Committee Action to Authorize the Executive Director to Enter into a Contract for Financial Advisory Services Related to the Regional Office Building Project

The Regional Council, by consent, ratified the Regional Council Executive Committee action to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Peacock, Hislop, Staley & Given, Inc. for financial advisory services related to the regional office building project at a cost of \$.85 per \$1,000 of the total project with a minimum fee of \$21,250 and the maximum fee of \$63,750. On June 12, 2006, the Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to enter into contracts for financial services to begin assessing financing opportunities, as well as individual agency costs. On May 31, 2006, a six member evaluation team interviewed RBC Dain Rauscher, Inc. and Peacock, Hislop, Staley & Given, Inc. Both firms were qualified. RBC Dain Rauscher provided a rate of \$1.05 per \$1,000 of the total project and Peacock, Hislop, Staley & Given provided a rate of \$.85 per \$1,000 of the total project with a cap of \$63,750. Staff recommended Peacock, Hislop, Staley & Given for financial advisory services at a cost of \$.85 per \$1,000 of the total project, not to exceed \$63,750.

5Q. Ratification of the Regional Council Executive Committee Action to Authorize the Executive Director to Enter into a Contract for Bond Counsel Services Related to the Regional Office Building Project

The Regional Council, by consent, ratified the Regional Council Executive Committee action to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for Bond Counsel Services related to the regional office building project with Kutak Rock at a rate ranging from \$150 to \$350 per hour, not to exceed \$100,000. On June 12, 2006, the Regional Council Executive Committee approved authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract for bond counsel services related to the regional office building project with Kutak Rock at a rate ranging from \$150 to \$350 per hour, not to exceed \$100,000. Bond counsel is one of the key participants involved with issuing debt. Bond counsel services are needed for the Regional Governmental Service Center project to verify the tax status of each agency and develop a legal opinion on the valid authorization of debt. The opinion of bond counsel is a form of assurance for issuers and investors that the legal requirements for borrowing funds are met. Bond counsel will work closely with the financial advisor on this project. On May 8, 2006, a six member evaluation team interviewed Kutak Rock and Squires, Sanderson, Dempsey. Kutak Rock provided a rate between \$150 and \$350 per hour not to exceed \$100,000. Squires, Sanderson, Dempsey provided a rate between \$250 and \$550 per hour not to exceed \$100,000. Staff recommended Kutak Rock for bond counsel services at a rate ranging from \$150 to \$350 per hour, not to exceed \$100,000.

6. Appointment of Members and Officers for the Transportation Policy Committee

On April 24, 2002, the Regional Council approved the composition of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC). The composition of the TPC provided that the Central City and the seven largest cities have a seat on the TPC, and five seats be selected from the remaining cities and towns. Three of the five would be from areas that need to be represented to achieve geographic balance, with the members selected from and by the under-represented geographic area and ratified by the Regional Council. Interstate 17 is used as a boundary in determining geographic balance. Two At-Large (geographically balanced) would be selected by the Regional Council. To date, three names have been submitted for the two At-Large positions. The approved composition provided for two-year terms for the three members to achieve geographic balance, the two At-Large members, and for the Native

American member. The Chair and Vice Chair serve two-year terms. The Regional Council is requested to appoint the members of the TPC and the officer positions (Chair and Vice Chair).

Chair Hawker noted that no public comment cards had been turned in on this item. He suggested that the Council take action in two separate motions due to the submittal of more than one name for one At-Large seat.

Mayor Berman moved to appoint to the Transportation Policy Committee the list of members and officers included in the agenda packet, with the exception of the one At-Large seat. Mayor Shafer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Hawker stated that letters of interest had been submitted from the small communities of Queen Creek and Paradise Valley for one At-Large seat on the TPC. He noted that Paradise Valley had held the seat for two cycles and he felt that a rotation would be appropriate to allow representation by a fast growing community.

Mayor Winkler spoke on behalf of Councilmember Dan Schweiker. He said that Councilmember Schweiker is a charter member of the TPC and has a long historical perspective. Mayor Winkler noted that Councilmember Schweiker helped design the Regional Transportation Plan and participated in the effort for the passage of Proposition 400. He commented that Councilmember Schweiker is a lawyer, councilman, and businessman who has an understanding of transportation issues. Mayor Winkler respectfully requested the Regional Council consider Councilmember Schweiker in filling the At-Large seat on the TPC.

Mayor Manross expressed her agreement with Mayor Winkler's comments. She said that Councilmember Schweiker really cares about the issue of transportation. Mayor Manross brought up Councilmember Schweiker's attendance at almost every TPC meeting and stated her support for his appointment.

Chair Hawker stated that he felt a change would provide more participation. He added that his preference to rotate seats had nothing to do with Councilmember Schweiker, whom he felt was an excellent committee member.

Mayor Shafer stated her agreement with a rotation. She commented that this is the first time that Surprise will have a seat on the TPC. Mayor Shafer commented that Queen Creek is a fast growing community and also needs to have a say.

Mayor Berman stated that Councilmember Schweiker had done a wonderful job and had good attendance at meetings. He commented that he would like Queen Creek to have a turn on the committee because it is so fast-growing. Mayor Berman commented on hearing new voices and new views, and expressed that he supported Queen Creek on the committee. He emphasized that his decision was not out of disrespect for Councilmember Schweiker.

Mayor Sanders stated that Councilmember Barney is on CAAG and has a great perspective on transportation. He expressed appreciation for the comments in favor of Queen Creek serving on the TPC. Mayor Sanders stated that it is important that Queen Creek have a voice in the process.

Mayor Badowski stated that Wickenburg yielded its seat on the TPC so Surprise would have an opportunity to participate. He said that this was done because he thought it was important that growing communities have a seat on the TPC.

Mayor Shafer moved to appoint Councilmember Gail Barney, Queen Creek, to the At-Large seat on the Transportation Policy Committee. Mayor Dunn seconded, and the motion carried, with Mayor Manross and Mayor Winkler voting no.

7. Election of Regional Council Officers and Executive Committee Members

On May 24, 2006, the MAG Nominating Committee recommended a slate of officers for 2006-2007. The MAG officer positions are Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. In accordance with the MAG Nomination Process, three At-Large members were also nominated to serve on the Executive Committee. According to the MAG Nomination Process, the Past Chair of the Regional Council also serves on the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate: Chair - Mayor James Cavanaugh, Goodyear; Vice Chair - Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale; Treasurer - Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise; At-Large Member - Mayor Steve Berman, Gilbert; At-Large Member - Councilmember Peggy Neely, Phoenix; At-Large Member - Mayor Thomas Schoaf, Litchfield Park; Past Chair - Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa.

Mayor Dunn moved to elect the Regional Council officers: Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer, and the three At-Large Members, and the Past Chair of the Regional Council as members of the Executive Committee. Mayor Lopez-Rogers seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Legislative Update

Matthew Clark noted that the Legislature has adjourned and he provided an update on the budget highlights. Mr. Clark stated that the Statewide Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) account was created. The account is to be used for the acceleration of the construction or reconstruction of freeways, state highways, bridges, and interchanges that are included in the Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Clark noted that the Maricopa County region will receive 60 percent of the \$307 million account, the Pima County area 16 percent, and the remainder of the state 24 percent. He explained that STAN monies may only be used for material and labor, acquisition of right-of-way for highway needs, design and other engineering services, and other directly related costs approved by the board. Mr. Clark stated that the legislation requires MAG to establish a process to review and approve transportation projects eligible to receive STAN funds. He explained that following approval of the projects, MAG will submit the list to the State Transportation Board for approval. Mr. Clark noted that approval of the list must be on the agenda of the next Board meeting. Mr. Clark noted that funds in the STAN account will be used to supplement, not supplant, current funding. He added that MAG would be required to report on or before Dec. 15th to the House and Senate Transportation Committees on approved projects and the money spent on these projects. Mr. Clark noted the HURF repayment of \$62 million to the STAN account.

Mr. Clark stated that HCR 2001 was signed by the Governor. This would place a measure on the ballot that would allow cities to increase bonding capacity from six percent to 20 percent.

Mr. Clark noted that no eminent domain bills were included in the bills passed.

Mayor Manross inquired about HB 2621, the liquor bill. It was noted that it had been signed by the Governor.

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary